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SUBJECT: CUDELS BAKER AND SIMPSON MEETING WITH MIGUEL  
DE LA MADRID

1. C - ENTIRE TEXT

2. SUMMARY. DRAFT NOT CLEARED WITH CUDELS BAKER AND  
SIMPSON. CUDELS BAKER AND SIMPSON MET WITH PRESIDENTIAL  
CANDIDATE MIGUEL DE LA MADRID HURTADO (MMH) AND HIS CHIEF~~CONFIDENTIAL~~



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AIDE BERNARDO SEPULVEDA JANUARY 13 AT PRI HEADQUARTERS. SENATOR BAKER ASKED MMH TO GIVE AN OVERVIEW OF THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON CENTRAL AMERICA. MMH DISCUSSED MEXICO'S RECENT DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY, OPPOSITION TO MILITARY INTERVENTION, AND ATTITUDES TOWARD CUBA.

3. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS. MMH BOTH OPENED AND CLOSED THE MEETING WITH AN AFFIRMATION OF THE NEED FOR A PERMANENT DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE U.S. AND MEXICO ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. REITERATING PRESIDENT LOPEZ-PORTILLO'S STATEMENT THAT WE REMAIN FRIENDS EVEN IF WE DISAGREE ON SPECIFIC ISSUES, MMH STRESSED THAT THE U.S. AND MEXICO SHARE GEOPOLITICAL RESPONSIBILITIES IN CENTRAL AMERICA AND MUST CONTINUE TO EXCHANGE IDEAS.

4. MEXICO'S ROLE. MMH ADMITTED THAT BECAUSE OF HER SIZE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, MEXICO IN RECENT YEARS HAD BEEN DIPLOMATICALLY MORE ACTIVE THAN IN THE PAST. AS A "MIDDLE POWER", HE SAID, MEXICO KNOWS THAT IT HAS A RESPONSIBILITY IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, ESPECIALLY IN CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN AREA. WITH PROBLEMS IN THE REGION ANALOGOUS TO THOSE OF THE U.S., THE GOM IS VERY WORRIED ABOUT INTERNATIONAL TENSION IN THE AREA. MEXICO, HE ADDED, WANTS FOR CENTRAL AMERICA WHAT IT WANTS FOR ITSELF:

-----A HIGHER STANDARD OF LIVING AND A REDUCTION OF  
-----INEQUALITIES;  
-----PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS TO INTERNAL PROBLEMS;  
-----DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENTS WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF  
-----SELF-DETERMINATION; AND  
-----NO MILITARY INTERVENTION.

5. MILITARY INTERVENTION. AGREEING THAT MILITARY INTERVENTION WAS NOT JUSTIFIABLE, SENATOR BAKER ASKED MMH WHAT HE THOUGHT OF CUBAN INTERVENTION IN NICARAGUA AND EL SALVADOR. MMH REPLIED, QUOTE WE DO NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT PROOF OF CUBAN MILITARY INTERVENTION IN NICARAGUA OR EL SALVADOR UNQUOTE. AS A FOLLOW-UP, SENATOR HOLLINGS INQUIRED AS TO GOM PROBLEMS WITH ITS INTELLIGENCE ON CUBAN MILITARY ACTIVITY IN CENTRAL AMERICA. MMH'S VAGUE RESPONSE WAS THAT MEXICO HAS BEEN AWARE OF U.S. EXPERIENCE WITH INTELLIGENCE GAPS. RETURNING TO THE GENERAL THEME

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OF NON-INTERVENTION, MMH INSISTED THAT WHILE MEXICO WOULD EXERT MORAL INFLUENCE, IT WOULD NOT INTERVENE IN CENTRAL AMERICA EXCEPT AT THE SPECIFIC INVITATION OF CONSTITUTED GOVERNMENTS. TO THE REQUESTS OF SENATORS HOLLINGS AND BAKER THAT MEXICO PLAY A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN THE AREA (I.E. NOT BE NEUTRAL), MMH REPLIED THAT THE ISSUE OF MEXICAN LEADERSHIP IN CENTRAL AMERICA WAS A DELICATE AND SENSITIVE ONE.

6. CUBA. SENATOR LAXALT OBSERVED THAT THE TIME MIGHT BE PROPITIOUS FOR A REEVALUATION OF U.S. RELATIONS WITH CUBA. CONCURRING, MMH SAID THAT THE PRESENT POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CLIMATE IN CUBA WERE SUCH AS TO WARRANT AN EXPLORATION OF THE ISSUE. MEXICO HE ADDED, WOULD HELP IN EFFORTS LEADING TO DETENTE, BUT WOULD NOT SUBSTITUTE FOR DIRECT TALKS BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES. HE STRESSED THAT WHATEVER EXPLORATIONS OCCURRED SHOULD BE BILATERAL ONES BETWEEN THE U.S. AND CUBA, AND THAT MEXICO INITIALLY WOULD NOT ASSUME A ROLE. GAVIN

END OF MESSAGE

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